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Issue of search warrant by a panchayat court in the case of thefts of property worth less than Rs. 10.

* 210 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the case of thefts of property less than Rs. 10 in value a panchayat court has no jurisdiction or power to issue a search warrant and obtain possession of the stolen property;

(b) whether in such cases the Police, if required by the panchayat court, do not give the necessary assistance to the court; and

(c) whether Government propose to remedy the defect and see that the potail of the village or the president of the panchayat court is authorized to issue search warrants in such cases?

A.—(a) Village panchayat courts are not empowered to issue search warrants and obtain possession of stolen property.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The suggestion will be considered.

Assignment of Lands

Procedure in transferring possession of lands assigned to depressed classes.

* 211 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the Bellary district when members of depressed classes express a desire to the Labour Officers who visit their village that they want any of the assessed or poramboke fields in the occupation of caste ryots as sivayijama cultivators, the Labour Officers get the caste ryots to vacate the said fields and transfer possession of the same to the concerned applicants from the depressed classes even before the necessary formalities required under the darkhast rules are gone through and regular assignments are made; and

(b) if so, the authority under which the Labour Officers try to effect the said transfer of possession?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information asked for. They have called for a report.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, I just want to know whether a report has since been received."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir."

Constitution of Districts

Proposed reamalgamation of Kistna and West Godavari districts.

* 212 Q.—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reamalgamate the Kistna and West Godavari districts;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, at what stage the question stands;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government have referred the question to the respective district Collectors for opinion and, if so, what the opinion received is?